

Tuesday 25 March 2025

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**Car parking etiquette** The Feedback service have notified us of recent car parking complaints; as such we want to remind everyone of the following:

- Hatched areas must not be used for parking; these areas must be kept clear for emergency vehicle access.
- Spaces reserved for patients in front of our clinical buildings must not be used for parking when you are on shift.
- Ambulance bays, 'blue badge' spaces, and loading bay/delivery areas must be left clear.
- Do **not** park on double yellow lines or move cones to be able to park. Traffic markings are in place to ensure **all** vehicles can move safely around our sites.

We are always keen to encourage Active Travel, so please visit this website to find out more: [Active Travel \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/active-travel)

**Sewing room closure/annual stock take** The sewing room at Foresterhill will be **closed** this Friday (28 March) and again on Monday (31 March) for the annual stocktake and ventilation repairs. There will be no uniform fittings or collections available on these dates.

**Risk control – selection and safe storage of urinary catheters** During a recent walk round, Teleflex polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) catheters were identified as being coated with Latex and not clearly labelled as a Latex containing product. When questioned, several staff were not aware that this product contained Latex. In response to this, a 3-min brief has been written for sharing with clinical areas; [it is available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only).

**Portfolio Review Update** An important recommendation to be delivered because of the Portfolio review will be the appointment of a single non-clinical executive leadership role in place of the existing Portfolio Executive Leads across medicine & unscheduled care, integrated families, and integrated specialist care services portfolios

The process for this is underway and an announcement will be made next month. Following appointment to this role, work can begin on the next recommendation - to review management structures across clinical services with an acute footprint. This will help support the transformation and reform required to provide the best care for the people of Grampian within the resources available to us. This process will likely take several months as operational governance systems will need to be revisited and updated where appropriate. However, work is getting underway to deliver greater integration across our Acute Services and we will be sharing more information on this in the Daily Brief over the next couple of weeks.

**Resurfacing works – Summerfield House** Resurfacing work will begin in the car park at Summerfield House from 7.30am tomorrow (26 March). Work will be carried out in phases, to ensure there are always spaces available. The works are scheduled to take three weeks in total. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Datix surgeries** There are two Datix surgeries taking place on Tuesday 8 April, between 1-1.30pm and 1.30-2pm. Book on to ask a question or seek advice on anything to do with Datix. Booking is via Turas (requires log-in): [Datix Surgeries | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

**Evaluation Clinics** Clinic slots are available for March (this Thursday) and April. These clinics will support you through any aspect of project/service change planning, implementing, writing up or issuing an evaluation. [Booking is via this link](#). If you have any queries or if the clinic dates area not convenient, please contact [CLEask@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:CLEask@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or [niki.couper2@phs.scot](mailto:niki.couper2@phs.scot)

**Biodiversity strategy launched** We have published our first ever biodiversity strategy, underlining our commitment to supporting the environment on all our sites, large and small. There's more information available here: [NHS Grampian launches Biodiversity Strategy and makes commitment to "protect the small things that make a big difference"](#)

**Corporate Games – competitors wanted for badminton & table tennis** We are looking for 1 replacement male player for the badminton; the event takes place tomorrow (26 March) at 6pm. We're also on the lookout for table tennis players. There is a training session next Monday at 7pm, then the event itself takes place on Thursday 3 April at 6pm. All events take place at Aberdeen Sports Village. Interested? Please email [gram.sports@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.sports@nhs.scot)

**Hellenic Independence Day** Thanks to Dr Lambrini Psiouri for pointing out today is Hellenic (Greek) Independence Day; a shout out to all colleagues marking the occasion (and we'll just set the football aside, shall we?).

**Tune of the day** Sharon Morrison, part of the central decontamination unit/linen services team at Foresterhill, makes today's request. [Celebration by Kool & The Gang](#) is dedicated to Lynn Christie (linen services manager) and Wendy Smith (deputy head of decontamination & linen services) who between them have racked up **68 years** of service to the NHS. Not only is it a great tune, but it fits with our theme this week ("celebrate good *times*, c'mon"). Taking a more literal approach is Audrey Masson (podiatry secretary) who has asked for [No Time To Die](#) by Billie Eilish (EP)

If you want to request a tune, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)